GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MANHOLE COVERS OVER SEWAGE LINES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Jal Board has failed to provide proper manhole covers over their sewage lines causing serious threat to pedestrians as reported in The Time of India dated December 2, 2004;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the DJB is planning to force the consumers to replace the faulty water Meters which were installed by DJB after charging the consumers with the clear knowledge that these will be maintained by DJB;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to ensure that there is rule of law in the city and this is followed by the Government agencies such as Delhi Jal Board; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board has informed that it endeavours to replace stolen/broken/uneven manhole covers promptly.

(c) and (d) It is reported that the Water meters provided by DJB are replaced/repaired by DJB. The consumers also have a choice to replace the water meter installed by DJB by a meter of approved brand and size purchased from market.

(e) and (f) The DJB has indicated that it is discharging its responsibilities as per Delhi Water Board Act, 1988 and the directions of Government of NCT of Delhi.